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Senior Nutrition Services FAQs

The following Frequently Asked Questions were adapted from a guidance document shared by the Iowa Department on Aging. Please continue to monitor and review the guidance and resources published by the Administration for Community Living here: https://acl.gov/COVID-19.

Do we need to assess nutrition risk for COVID-19 consumers?

No, the Nutrition Risk Checklist is no longer required reporting for COVID19 from ACL. They are currently working on information for separate reporting.

Can we partner with restaurants, convenience stores, grocery stores to provide meals?

Yes! In fact, we encourage it! You can expand service delivery by partnering with grocery stores and restaurants to provide meals "to-go" and groceries. This also helps the AAA gain visibility in the community. Some ideas include:

- Collaborate with grocery stores to offer meal pick-up options during "senior-only" shopping time. Some grocery stores also offer grocery delivery.
- Partner with restaurants or convenience stores to provide vouchers for "to-go" meals or meal delivery.

Do meals need to meet the nutrition requirements?

No, disaster relief meals and meals purchased with supplemental funding are not required to meet DRIs; however, ACL encourages the use of DRIs and DGAs to maintain health and manage chronic disease. Providers are encouraged to provide ½ daily caloric needs per meal.

What if we want to provide a needed service that is not identified in the area plan?

Submit an area plan budget revision to include services not being provided in the current area plan. If a Direct Service Waiver is needed, submit it with the area plan revision.

This guidance shall be in place until rescinded.

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